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1) Statement of Substance of Interview (2 pages)

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF  
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Patent Application

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

The undersigned and Examiners Deborah K. Ware and David Naff conducted a telephonic interview on March 31, 2006.

The interview consisted of discussions regarding claims 1 and 6 and the cited reference (Dopheide *et al*).

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The applicants noted that the Dopheide *et al.* reference is easily distinguished from the claimed invention because the Dopheide *et al.* proteins stimulate the immune system rather than inducing apoptosis. Dopheide *et al.* are concerned with inducing protective immunity by administering the identified peptides, whereas the present invention relates to the suppression of immunity, by triggering apoptosis and controlled cell death. The Examiner's pointed out that the disclosed protein is derived from the identical nematode, *Necator americanus*, having a molecular weight of less than 12 kD (*i.e.* 11 kD). The applicants pointed out that the cited Dopheide *et al.* reference states that these parasites have "many thousands of proteins" and, thus, there is absolutely no reason to believe that the current protein is the same as the Dopheide *et al.* protein, especially in view of their totally different impacts on the immune system.

Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,



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